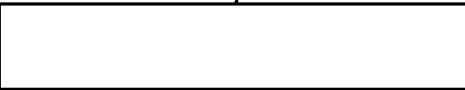


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John Simpson, Esq.



Dear John:

As I told you, I got in touch with [redacted] last August in STATINTL connection with your invitation for him to address the World Affairs Council. Since he returned from his brief vacation, and I returned from a three-week's trip to Europe, Bob spoke to me about your kind invitation, and wanted me to thank you very much and to express to you his regrets that he was unable to accept your invitation.

In the light of the present status of the situation in the Middle East, I gathered from [redacted] that it was most unlikely that he would feel it desirable to make a public statement on the question at this time.

Faithfully yours,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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